

Lindsay's Challenge - February 2019 newsletter:

Vienna Coup

One of the nice plays in Bridge is the renowned Vienna Coup. It entails the voluntary play of a master card to leave an opponent in command of a suit. But this preliminary step is a Greek gift, for it permits the application of a subsequent squeeze. Here is an example.

North

♠ Q 5 2

♥ K Q 9 4

♦ Q 8 5

♣ A 10 9

West

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ 8 3

♦ K 7 4

♣ 8 7 3 2

East

♠ 7 4

♥ 7 6 5 2

♦ J 10 9 3 2

♣ 6 5

South

♠ A K 8 3

♥ A J 10

♦ A 6

♣ K Q J 4

How can South make 7 No Trumps with J spades lead from West?